2. Orissa should be adequately compensated for delay in revision of royalty on coal and minerals;

3. Upgrade the Burla Engineeering College to Indian Institute of Technology;

4. Early approval for establishment of four centres for studies in Integrative Science and for Eastern Region, Bhubaneswar;

5. Provision of adequate funds for timely completion of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

6. Promote the Knowledge Park to provide modern facilities to IT and bio-tech scientists;

7. The Paradeep Oil Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation should be made promotional by the end of the Tenth Plan;

8. Orissa should be included in the tourist circuit of world standard;

9. Allotment of funds for railway projects should be increased substantially for timely completion of the project;

10. KBK districts should be included under the Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana and also all the 150 identified most backward districts should be covered under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana;

11. DFID should be allowed to participate in the proposed World Bank assisted Orissa structural Adjustment Programme and Orissa Public Enterprises Reform Programme, phase-II should be approved expeditiously;

12. Step should be taken to develop Paradeep Port;

13. Gopalpur and Dhamra should be declared as major ports and necessary financial allocation should be provided for its all round development.

Funds for development of BIMARU States

2517. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds for the development of BIMARU (Bihar, MP, Rajasthan, UP) States and other backward regions of the country *i.e.* Orissa are being transferred to other better off States;

(b) whether the low levels of Central assistance to the above backward States has adversely affected the healthcare facilities in these States; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to compensate the above backward regions, especially with reference to Orissa, to improve their healthcare infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Prioritisation of sectoral allocation under the Annual Plans is done by the State Governments. However, Planning Commission provides higher weightage to the backward States while allocating the Central assistance under Gadgil-Mukherjee formula. In addition, to improve healthcare infrastructure and provide better access to healthcare facilities in the States, the Government of India has recently launched a National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Under the National Rural Health Mission, there would be special focus on 18 States including the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and the State of Orissa.

Identification of poor families

2518. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether programme evaluation study by Planning Commission and Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution suggests that Government should do away with methodology of identifying poor families on the basis of income/expenditure criterion;

(b) whether to improve delivery system and plug leakage, study suggest that full quota of foodgrain for distribution must reach retail outlets within first seven days of months for which doorstep delivery of grains by Government agencies is required; and

(c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to change method of identifying poor to plug leakages in TPDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. *Vide* section 7.1 (Chapter 7) Report on the Performance Evaluation of Targeted Public Distribution